

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 10/523,331 **Confirmation No.:** 5772
Applicant: Hiroshi Asami et al.
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Examiner: Livius R. Cazan
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 23, 2009, Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I as designated by the Examiner which includes claim 4. Additionally, Applicants elect the claims of Species A directed to an adhesive resin between the metallic base and the dissolve metal layer. Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 24-26 and 29-30 read on the elected group of claims and species.

Applicant notes that claim 1 remains allowable and is generic as to all the claims currently pending in the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the restriction requirement is improper and that all claims should be considered by the Examiner. Applicant reserves herein the right to prosecute the remaining claims in a later filed continuation or divisional applications if such a filing is necessary.

Applicants therefore await consideration and examination of elected claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 24-26 and 29-30 and respectfully request consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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